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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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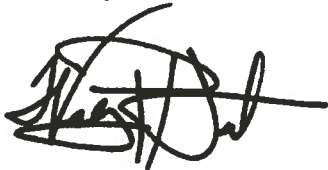
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Houston Ship Channel Expansion project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to continue Project 11 to improve safety and navigability on the Houston Ship Channel to keep pace with increasing demand. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the goods and cargo coming through the Houston Ship Channel touch every Congressional District in the United States. In particular, the Houston Ship Channel sustains 3.2 million jobs, adds \$802 billion in annual national economic value, and generates \$38 billion in tax revenue.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 401(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Wesley P. Hunt
Member of Congress